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## **Notices January 14th, 2024 - 2nd After Epiphany**

Readings for this Sunday: 1 Samuel 3:1-10; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51  
Next Sunday's Readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

**Sunday Services: 8am and 10.30am**

**Next Evensong - January 28th at 4.30pm**

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### **Weekly Events at Christ Church**

Wednesdays 11am - Lectio Divina & Holy Eucharist in the Chapel  
Wednesdays 5pm - Meditation in the Sitting Room  
Thursdays 10.30am - Bible Study in the CCrump Room

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### **Bring us your Palms!**

On Ash Wednesday we are marked with ashes that come from burning last year's blessed palm fronds and crosses. Please bring in your old palms over the next few weeks and the last Sunday before Lent (February 11) we will burn the palms at the end of the 10:30am service.

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### **Reminder**

**We would like to remind you that if you have moved, changed your phone number or email or if you are a new parishioner to please contact the office to update your**

**information.**  
**Email: [office@christchurchcalgary.org](mailto:office@christchurchcalgary.org) or  
phone 403-243-4680**

**We would also like to mention that before  
planning any events where you need space  
in the church please check availability with  
the office so we do not have any booking  
conflicts**

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**The next Messy Church will be on February 3<sup>rd</sup>  
from 4pm to 6pm in the Crump Room**

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### **Adult Baptism, Confirmation, Renewal of Baptismal Vows & Reception into the Anglican Church**

If you are an adult or mature teenager and you have:

- Never been baptized
- Never been confirmed
- Been confirmed in another denomination
- Recently experienced some spiritual renewal
- Desire to re-dedicate yourself to Christ's service
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Now might be the time to pursue baptism, confirmation, or  
renewal/reception.

Preparation classes will run Tuesdays at 6:30-8:30pm on:  
February 27, March 5, 12, 19

Baptism is planned for the Easter Vigil service March 30 at 7:30pm  
and Confirmation for April 14 at 10:30am.

Talk to Brandon to learn more ([brandon@christchurchcalgary.org](mailto:brandon@christchurchcalgary.org))

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**After many years of first rate service as our treasurer, Deborah  
Ambrose has informed us that she is retiring from the position  
effective at our September 2024 AGM. Deborah has done a  
tremendous job in both tracking and communicating our  
complex finances.**

Now the search is on for Deborah's successor to take up the torch and continue the good work of tending to our finances so that the mission and ministry of Christ Church can continue to thrive.

A full job description is available, but here's a taste:

The overall role of the treasurer is to maintain an overview of the organisation's financial affairs, ensuring its viability and advising the Corporation as necessary, and to ensure that proper financial records and procedures are maintained.

**Qualities and Skills Preferred**

- Experience of financial control and budgeting and small charity management.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills.
- A willingness to be contacted on an ad hoc basis.

**Time Commitment:** The role of the Treasurer requires an estimated commitment of 10 hours per month, in addition to the time to prepare the various returns and the Annual Financial Statements (40 hours per year)

If you think you are the right person and feel God nudging you to serve in this very valuable role, please contact Rev.

Brandon.

If you know someone who you think is the right person for this, give them a nudge.

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### Music Notes (January 10/24)

The choir is back now, after a well-deserved holiday break. December was a busy, but it was wonderful to see services so well attended. There were so many people at that 9 pm service that we had to scramble to set up extra chairs. I imagine that our hand-delivered community pamphlets helped make that happen, so kudos to all our volunteer "letter-carriers." While there certainly are some families who only attend at Christmas and Easter, it made me wonder how to encourage visitors to return and attend more regularly. I think perhaps the best way to do this is for regular members to make a point of speaking with newcomers, to help them feel especially welcome. Just a thought...

Coming up in January we have Eucharist every Sunday at 10:30 am, plus 4:30 pm evensong on January 28<sup>th</sup>. This

Sunday morning, we present "Introit for the New Year" by Barrie Cabena (b. 1933) and "Lead me Lord" by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876). Cabena was born in Australia, studied in England and moved to Ontario in the sixties. He has been active since as an organist, choir director, composer, accompanist, and member of the Faculty of Music at Wilfrid Laurier University. I enjoy the creativity and freshness of his compositions, and his colourful use of harmonies. Wesley was almost certain to pursue a life of music, as the son of composer Samuel Wesley (who gave him the middle name of Sebastian, in tribute to J.S. Bach), and the grandson of Charles Wesley, who was a prolific hymnwriter ("Love divine, all Loves Excelling," "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," and "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending").  
With warm wishes, on a chilly day.

Paul

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### **Main Altar Flowers**

There are two slots available for Main Altar flowers on June 30th and October 27th. If you would like to purchase flowers on these dates please contact Cynthia in the office

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### **Christ Church Café - Sunday, January 21 at 9am**

**Rabbi Ilana Krygier Lapidés** will speak about her work from the perspective of a female rabbi. She is a non-denominational full-service Rabbi and educator, meeting people where they are in their Jewish journey with non-judgement, acceptance, and warmth. Her creative, whole-hearted practice focuses on inclusivity for all with focused outreach to the interfaith, unaffiliated, and LGBTQA+ communities. <https://www.rockymountainrabbi.com/>

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### **Christ Church Café - Sunday February 11th at 9am**

Come listen to **Kathy Mendham from ProActive Seniors** to learn about transitioning to assisted living, memory care or other options. This

discussion is useful for seniors themselves, children who are navigating their parents' aging or caretakers of Seniors.

In 2016 Kathy recognized the need for a service that would help to address the challenges and frustrations that seniors and their families face when trying to identify and access, in a timely manner, the myriad of senior services that exist.

There are many government reports that indicate planning ahead for ones' senior years will be crucial in our current environment of overstretched health care and constricted government funding. However their is no support to help families plan ahead.

In creating Proactive Seniors, our team addresses this need by helping our clients navigate difficult discussions and decisions related to planning for aging.

We are blessed to be doing work that we love and having a positive impact on one of our most valuable resources – our seniors.

<https://proactiveseniors.ca/>

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## **Outreach Update**

**The next Outreach meeting will be on Tuesday January 16th at 4pm in the Crump room. All are welcome to attend.**



The Merzaiee family enjoyed a visit to Telus Spark Science Centre over the Christmas school break

**Calgary stained glass windows featured in new book | CTV News**

**This is the link to the interview**

[Video](#)

**Stained Glass Windows**

With the recent release of Frits Pannekoek and Catherine Evamy's book on our stained glass windows, and coverage on CTV

(<https://calgary.ctvnews.ca/video/c2837141-book->

documents-calgary-stained-glass-collection), you have probably looked up and noticed that there are windows that still do not have stained glass in them.

There is in the oral history of Christ Church a feeling that there are parishioners who have reserved a window for future stained glass. However, despite our searching, we cannot find any record of anyone reserving a window for stained glass.

If you think you have a claim to a window, now is the time to act. In the famous words of the marriage service: speak now, or forever hold your peace.

Windows will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

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**Scan to make your offering - Thank you for your support!!!**

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## *January 14th, 2023 Flower Memorials*

*The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of*

## Desmond Barton by Drina and family

The flowers at the Chapel are given in thanksgiving for my children and all my family back home to give them strength, courage and protection throughout their daily lives by Cynthia

The flowers at the Font are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Noni and Hugh Robinson by the Mallabone, Robinson and Wares families

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### **The Power of Prayer**

#### **Forward Day by Day**

Prayer books for November/December/January are available at the office. Additional prayer resources can be found on Forward Movement's website: [https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/forward\\_day\\_by\\_day.php?d=29&m=4&y=2020](https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/forward_day_by_day.php?d=29&m=4&y=2020)

#### **The Parish Prayer Chain**

Have a friend who needs someone to pray for them? Our prayer chain does this daily, and welcomes requests for confidential prayer. Contact Lois Lepp, Alicia Hampshire or Rev. Brandon.



## Praying with PWRDF

On the second Thursday of each month praying with PWRDF takes place over zoom at 11am (Calgary time). On the fourth Thursday of each month the PWRDF team in Toronto plans an educational webinar in the same time slot. Please contact Kim Umbach at [kumbach@pwrdf.org](mailto:kumbach@pwrdf.org) for the zoom link to be included and for further details.

## Prayer Shawls - "Tangible Evidence of Prayer" (ref: "The Prayer Shawl Ministry")

Each of our shawls , handmade by the members of this ministry includes the prayers of the shawl maker as it is made, receives a special blessing, then is available to be given to offer peace, and comfort to someone in need. Shawls are always available here. Please contact Cynthia at the office: 403-243-4680, or Barbara Robinson: [barbcrobinson@gmail.com](mailto:barbcrobinson@gmail.com) if you know of someone for whom a shawl would be helpful.



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Just forward this to them, and...  
They can [click here](#) to be added to our mailing list!



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